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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email as a response to the Microsoft Settlement. I feel that the remedies proposed are inadequate as a way to re-establish fair competition in the software industry.

To bring back competition to a level it was 15 years ago, Microsoft must release ALL its API's in time for other companies to make the appropriate changes and make releases. The ruling, as it stand now, does not give companies enough time to make the changes required to stay competitive. Competitiveness should be about the quality of software, not about making changes that could effect up to 90% of the PCs in the US in a way that prevents competition.

Another problem with the proposed remedy is that computer manufactures will be prohibited from selling computer that have Publicly Available Software installed on it.

To create real desktop competition, Microsoft must be forced to release the specifications to all products that are part of there Office package. These should include, at a minimum, Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint. Doing so would allow business and home users a reasonable opportunity to chose what products they want to run, instead of being forced to use Microsoft's "Office".

To sum up, the only way to actually get real competition going in the computer industry is to force MS to release all there APIs in a timely manner, allow computer manufacturers the opportunity to install Publicly Available Software without penalty from Microsoft's License, and to completely open up Microsoft's "Office" product for not less then 10 year.

I believe this must be done for the sake on the consumer.

Thank you for your time,
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